

A Wee Knees Up On An Island

Whit ye may / #XR / See or hear /
But no stand up sit down / or die for. /
Because ye want the world tae be / a better place educated, aware.. /
A corrupted ecosystem that sustains us / in neo-liberal / necro-cognitive headfuckery /
where non-violent protest / will not be tolerated especially /
when the People's lives- / -livelihoods, neighbour- / -hoods over heads, blankets over eyes /
-masked wi ultra-violent glasses / oops Freudian slip Ah meant ultra-violet /
tae keep the glare o Mass Species Extinction / from spoiling a tan /
or a wee knees up on an island / not These Islands of course /
but sum Caribbean tax-haven / or sum Channel of funds /
leachin the life an blood oot o us.. /
No wonder they dinnae want die-ins at #COP26, /
cos the State already holds that Crown copyright.

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“Counter-terrorism police placed the non-violent group Extinction Rebellion (XR) on a list of extremist ideologies that should be reported to the authorities running the Prevent programme, which aims to catch those at risk of committing atrocities, the Guardian has learned.

The climate emergency campaign group was included in a 12-page guide produced by counter-terrorism police in the south-east titled Safeguarding young people and adults from ideological extremism, which is marked as ‘official’

XR featured alongside threats to national security such as neo-Nazi terrorism and a pro-terrorist Islamist group. The guide, aimed at police officers, government organisations and teachers who by law have to report concerns about radicalisation, was dated last November.

It says that issues to look out for include people who speak in ‘strong or emotive terms about environmental issues like climate change, ecology, species extinction, fracking, airport expansion or pollution’.

In the guide, people are advised to listen and look out for young people who ‘neglect to attend school’ or ‘participate in planned school walkouts’ – an allusion to the school strikes for the climate, a global movement of which the activist Greta Thunberg is a lead proponent. Thousands of UK pupils, and millions worldwide, walked out of school last year in protest at government inaction on the climate crisis.

The document also flags young people taking part in non-violent direct action, such as sit-down protests, banner drops or ‘writing environmentally themed graffiti’.

The disclosure that XR has been listed alongside proscribed groups such as National Action and Al-Muhajiroun is likely to be deeply embarrassing for counter-terror chiefs. They have for years faced claims that Prevent can cross the line to stifle legitimate free speech, thought and dissent.”

Vikram Dodd and Jamie Grierson, TheGuardian Online, Fri 10 Jan 2020 17.00 GMT,

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